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Wolfgang Otto REDER)	Examiner:
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Application No. : TBD)	
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Filed : June 12, 2006)	
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For : PRINTING BLANKET HAVING)	
A DIMENSIONALLY STABLE)	
CARRIER PLATE, A METHOD)	
FOR PRODUCING A PRINTING)	
BLANKET OF THIS TYPE, AND)	
A PRINTING UNIT FOR A)	
PRINTING MACHINE WITHOUT)	
A DAMPING UNIT)	

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Sir:

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U.S. patent No. 5,351,615 is in the English language.

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WO 03/045695 corresponds to U.S. patent Nos. 7,004,070; 7,021,215; U.S. Application No. 2005/027273 and U.S. Application No. 2006/0000380.

The several other documents listed in the PTO/SB/08a form were brought to the attention of the undersigned by the applicants' principal representatives in Germany, without comment.

DE 1 947 520 does not appear to have an English language abstract or equivalent. It appears to show a pair of cylinders, one of which is being provided with a blanket or dressing.

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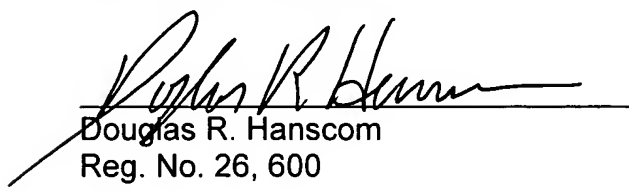
Entry of these materials into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, and their consideration by the Examiner, is respectfully requested.

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